

A LETTER

To F. M. Richey, Mayor of the City of Plattsmouth.

The following amusing letter has been received by our Honored Mayor, F. M. Richey. It is from Afton, Iowa, his old home and is signed by many of his old friends, the best citizens of Afton. We have been persuaded to publish it.

The late Bronson Alcott had many unwholesome ideas that made him offensively eccentric, but his reverence for children did a great deal to redeem his character in shaping the character of his daughter, to whom he imparted it. Her best work—and her best is probably the best of its kind—is the result of reverent study of child character. The subject demands reverence, for it is a true saying of the Romans that the greatest reverence is the due of children. The mind in childhood is a riddle—a mystery beyond all our philosophy. We can no more tell when or where it begins than when or where it will end. The new born, sentient being stares with wide open eyes on an unknown world. It is an utter stranger, in a strange country, among a multitude of strange things and strange people. It is scarcely doubtful that it begins to learn that its education begins; that the mind in it begins to develop when the first ray of light strikes its newly opened eyes. The development then is rapid. Every object around it; every word spoken; every gesture becomes a part of its education. The very tones of the voice, high or low, gentle or harsh, make impressions on the childish mind that are never to be effaced.

Of all the childish characteristics the most impressive is wonder—wonder at everything; at the trees and flowers, at the clouds, the sun, the moon and the stars; and at the living creatures under them. Children, supposed to be too young to reason, will spend hours in wondering at the enigmas of nature; forming theories and attempting to account for things. They ask innumerable questions, or rather they will, if they are encouraged by right answers. A right answer will not satisfy a child, but it may and it nearly always does discourage further questions. Young children cannot understand flattery; they have no idea of humor or of double meaning. Everything is truth for them until they have learned that lies exist, and even then they are very slow in learning that what seems to be untrue may be all the truth we have on any subject. If any question they may ask on a subject which is of the deepest significance to them is treated as a commonplace and answered lightly or flippantly, they draw back as from a blow.

The mind in childhood is sensitive to all impressions—peculiarly sensitive to lack of application or to ridicule. It demands sympathy as well as knowledge. There is no commonplace for it. Its world is new, strange and awe inspiring, full of wonders. Everything is sublime to it. The religious sense of awe and wonder is keen and active. A child will wonder why the sun rises, why the trees put on their leaves in spring, why the birds build nests, why night comes after day. It does not discriminate between subjects where all seem of equal importance. Its mind is growing as the mind of the race grows. Its mental infancy has many points of resemblance to the mental infancy of the race. It is deeply religious, full of the faith that is the complement of wonder. This faith, this awe, are a part of its reason, and during its waking hours its reason is incessantly active. It is constantly called into play by the new impressions it constantly receives, and so it nearly always happens that a child is given its final direction in life during its period of greatest mental activity before it is 8 years old.

Fathers generally know almost nothing of their children because of lack of sympathy with them. The mother's mind in the full grown man is nearly always commonplace. It cannot reach the level of the mind of childhood, to which there are no commonplaces. The mother's mind is nearest to that of the child, and on the mother its education most depends. She succeeds in the measure of her sympathy with it. If she shares its wondering awe of the many mysteries of the world, and feels the sublime as inherently and unconsciously as the child does; if the world and life have not ceased to be awful to her, she succeeds in the largest measure. If she has reduced everything to commonplace she will drive the reason of childhood into commonplace, from which there will be no after escape for it. The astonishing questions which children ask—questions which are not infrequently brought to the bottom of the whole mystery of things—are not mere accidents. They are the result of the keen insight of the reason of childhood that goes straight for the truth. They may have cost hours, days, weeks of pondering and thought. It is a mistake to answer them lightly; it is a crime to answer them disparagingly for the keenness of the childish reason is easily blunted, its capacity for truth easily lost.

To retain the mind of childhood through life is a happiness that falls to few—the few great geniuses. In one way or another the childish reason is lost; the childish faculty of faith, of awe, of appreciation of truth, is blunted in most who live beyond 12 years. We even lose the memory of what we were and so despise the reason of childhood. Women retain it most frequently, and they can, therefore, better understand and sympathize with their children.—St. Louis Republican.

MIND IN CHILDHOOD.

A MYSTERY WHICH IS BEYOND ORDINARY PHILOSOPHY.

Leading Childish Characteristics—Sensitiveness to Impressions—A Period of Great Mental Activity—Father and Mother— Astonishing Questions.

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Napoleon at St. Helena. The Listener, years ago, knew a sea captain, one of that fine type of knights of the sea that has become extinct along with the American carrying trade, who had seen Napoleon at St. Helena. The old captain—he was then a young captain—had made ineffectual attempts during a prolonged stay at the island to see the captive, but in vain. The English authorities, who with very good reason suspected Americans of being and willing, if not prepared, to spirit Napoleon away, resolutely denied the captain any opportunity to visit Longwood.

But Yankee perseverance is not easily baffled. The captain in his rambles had discovered a point of view commanding Napoleon's favorite promenade. There, securely ensconced with his trusty and powerful ship's pass, he marked down Napoleon. The glass was so powerful that Napoleon's every motion as he talked with an attendant was clearly to be discerned. Once Napoleon turned his face full toward the captain, and the face of the great man was for an instant set in the telescope as a miniature, and the wonderful eyes looked full into those of the Yankee captain. The latter described them as beautiful hazel eyes, deep and pathetic, rather than penetrating. They were the eyes of the world conqueror conquered.—Boston Transcript "Listener."

AN INDEPENDENT CAREER.

One Secret of Power—Webster on "Inspiration"—Law of Success.

Every one, in beginning his independent career, has to contend with two things: (1) his natural ambition; (2) his ability. Now, he may have considerable taste in some direction, but be unable to get the drill and practice necessary to eminence in that line. "I should like myself to write for the press," wrote a gentleman to me. "I'll enclose a sample." I said to him to succeed in becoming a versatile writer, able to tell tersely what you have to say, and then to have enough to say that people care to read, requires daily practice in composition from the time one is 12 years old, and it needs at least twenty years of keen, careful study in the way of mind furnishing.

It is often said that Roscoe Conkling's power over a crowd of listeners is incomprehensible. I know that he was incomprehensible to me until I watched and found the secret of his power. He is naturally gifted to sway the multitude; but this is not all. He has, through all his career, sedulously practiced self-restraint. Nothing will induce him to waste his power on the scuffle of debate. He never speaks until he is prepared, and then he swings the hammer of Thor.

Webster followed the same course, and was never a debater unprepared. Some one said that his great speech against Hayne was an instance of unstudied power. "It is not so," said Webster. "I prepared that speech in the main years before for another occasion. It so happened that debate never took place. I had my notes in a pigeon hole, and when Hayne made his attack upon me and upon New England I was already posted, and only had to take down my notes and refresh my memory. If he had tried to make a speech to fit my notes he could not have hit it better. No man is inspired—I never was."

Probably men of the Webster type never are inspired in a better way than to make good preparation. To make a good editor one must begin at the bottom and climb. Dickens said of novel writing: "I do not believe it possible that any natural or improved ability can claim novelty from the companionship of the steady, plain, hard working qualities. I never put one hand only to my work, but my whole self, and I never deprecate the work." I have an acquaintance of some genius who considers it essential to assert that he throws off his work spontaneously, without severe labor. His boasting is slight, but he has learned that lies exist, and even then they are very slow in learning that what seems to be untrue may be all the truth we have on any subject. If any question they may ask on a subject which is of the deepest significance to them is treated as a commonplace and answered lightly or flippantly, they draw back as from a blow.

Old Persian Wine Jars. I arrived in Persia in the middle of the grape season, and shortly after reaching Teheran became an interested spectator of the process of making wine there. The house in which I spent the winter belonged to Mr. N., a member of the Persian telegraph department. It was a neat, two-story house, with a square court yard in the center. One of the first things that awakened my curiosity was three huge earthenware jars standing in a row on one side of the compound. They were jars that stood as high as a man's shoulder, and belled out much in the shape of slender barrels. Each vessel held about thirty-five gallons.

"What are they for—to hold rain water?" was the natural query that suggested itself to me. "No," said N., "they are wine jars, regular old Persian wine jars, that were in use 2,000 years ago."

"But not these same jars—2,000 years?" "No, not exactly; but those three jars have probably had wine fermented in them every season for the last 100 years. No then went on to explain further about the jars. The Persians believe that these wine jars improve with age, just as the wine itself does, and that better wine can be made in old jars than in new ones. A wine jar 100 years old is worth several times more than a new one, not because of any value attached to its antiquity in the abstract, but because it is a thoroughly seasoned vessel. Good wine, they say, cannot be made in new jars; the older the jars the better the wine.

The Mohammedan injunction against the making and drinking of intoxicants has had the effect of making sad hypocrites of three-fourths of the upper class of Persians. Even the mollas and sayeds get drunk in secret, but openly they not only do not indulge, but they profess to be the most rigid in their abhorrence. When the wine-making season arrives there is as much wire pulling and diplomacy employed among the Persians to make wine on the quiet, without incurring a scandal, as there is here in a political campaign.—Thomas Stevens in New York Sun.

Flour Dust Dangerous. The Milling World reminds millers of the oft-proved fact that flour is a dangerous explosive material. Beware, says the editor, of lights thrust or carried into bins or rooms filled with dust laden air. A week ago, he adds, I was startled as well as amused on entering a friend's mill to see the latest "cub" going around with an uncovered light, doing some investigation on "his own hook." As he thrust the light into a very dusty place, which his boyish curiosity suggested him to explore, he was whistling in that peculiar roared tone peculiar to and possible to nobody but a half grown boy the popular old tune, "I want to be an angel." As his whistle rose and he triumphed above the whirl and rattle of the mill machines I almost expected to witness the answering of his whistled prayer by an explosion of dust that would at once convert him into the angel he professed to wish to be. Having put the foreman on his track, I felt safer to stay inside that building until my business was transacted. In how many cases is the wild, fresh, careless, untutored "cub" the real cause of "mysterious" fires and explosions? He is often dangerous as a dynamite bomb or a fire brand.—Scientific American.

Superstition of Sporting Men. A superstition among sporting men—there are still a few of that ilk in Chicago, though the ranks have been greatly decimated under the vigorous anti-gambling crusade of the authorities—is that it brings bad luck to ride in a street car alone. A conductor tells a story that a gambler took passage on his car and happened to be the sole passenger. He was in a great hurry to get down town, but hesitated as he looked at the vacant interior of the car. Finally a happy idea seemed to strike him. He brightened as he saw a dime from his pocket, he handed to the conductor. "Here," he said, "take two out of that." The conductor looked at him wonderingly. "That's all right," he said; "it's your hand as riding with me. I can't play a lone hand, for I wouldn't have any luck for a week." Then, explaining superstition, and was happy when the conductor rang up for two fares.—Chicago Tribune.

A Formidable Fish. There is found in the streams of California what is called the dog or bull salmon. These fish possess formidable weapons in their teeth, which on the lower jaw have a strong and backward curve, capable of inflicting severe wounds by tearing the flesh of an antagonist. It is said they do not hesitate to attack horses fording a stream, and often succeed in cutting ugly wounds on their legs.—Boston Budget.

The Republican For 1888.

The presidential campaign of 1888 promises to be fought out with great vigor in all the Northern States of the Union, and in some of the Southern States as well. Fortunately for the Republican party, the great issue has been made up in advance of the opening of the canvass, so that it may be discussed intelligently. The President of the United States, as the leader of the Democratic party, has announced himself in favor of maintaining the internal taxes, and of then reducing the revenues from imports to a point which shall make the whole merely sufficient to meet the current expenses of the government. The Democratic press and a majority of the Democratic members in congress have announced their acceptance of this platform.

The Republican party, on the other hand, stands squarely upon the platform which it has occupied for more than a quarter of a century—that of protection to American industries; to which is added the unrestricted right of suffrage and an honest count of ballots cast. The issue thus made up, the parties are preparing for the fray. All over the country the republicans are organizing. They are enthusiastic, earnest, and will make an aggressive and a hot fight, and are confident of success.

The Republican is what its name implies, A REPUBLICAN NEWSPAPER. It will do the best work it knows how for its party. It will advocate the principles in which it believes with all the force of which it is capable. In short, it intends to do its full share in the work of returning the republican party to power in the nation. But it will be fair in its fight, and democrats will have no cause to complain at its methods. It will have full reports of the proceedings of the conventions of both parties, national and state, prepared without bias and will present both sides. In short it will make a complete record of the canvass. Its news columns will be non-partisan; its editorial columns straight republican.

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He Probably Succeeded. PLAINVIEW, Neb., April 26.—Charles Hawk, a farmer living about four miles from this place, died this morning about 8 o'clock, of violent convulsions. The doctors in attendance pronounced it strychnine poisoning. He probably succeeded and an inquest will be held to-morrow.

An Explanation. What is this "nervous trouble" with which so many seem now to be afflicted? If you will remember a few years ago the word Malaria was comparatively unknown,—today it is as common as any word in the English language, yet this word covers only the meaning of another word used by our forefathers in times past. So it is used with nervous diseases, as they and Malaria are intended to cover what our grandfathers called Biliousness, and all are caused by troubles that arise from a diseased condition of the Liver which in performing its functions finding it cannot dispose of the bile through the ordinary channel is compelled to pass it off through the system causing nervous troubles, Malaria, Bilious Fever, etc. You who are suffering can well appreciate a cure. We recommend Green's August Flower. Its cures are marvelous.

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A Soldier's Frightful Death. FORT GIBSON, I. T., April 26.—A soldier named James White met with a frightful death today. He had started on the lawn toariat Col. Copepper's horse, when the horse became frightened and jumped suddenly, and the stake at the end of the rope, which the soldier held in his hand, was jerked through his body, killing him almost instantly. White lived in Arkansas, but belonged to Company C, 18th Infantry, at this post.

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A Battle with Desperadoes. ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., April 26.—Two deputy sheriffs of Socorro county, who have been on the trail of Joe Atkins and Frank Porter for the last two days, came up with them near San Jose, this county, yesterday afternoon, when a regular pitched battle ensued, in which Porter was killed and Atkins captured. The prisoner and the body of the dead man were brought to Albuquerque this morning. These men have been known for a long time past as desperate characters.

Bra Ce Up. You are feeling depressed, your appetite is poor, you are bothered with headache, you are fitful, nervous, and generally out of sorts, and want to brace up. Brace up, but not with stimulants, spring medicines, or bitters, which have for their basis very cheap, bad whisky, and which stimulate you for an hour, and then leave you in worse condition than before. What you want is an alternative that will purify your blood, start healthy action of Liver and Kidneys, restore your vitality, and give renewed health and strength. Such a medicine you will find in Electric Bitters, and only 50 cents a bottle at F. G. Fricke & Co.'s drug store. 3

Bond Tenders Accepted. WASHINGTON, April 26.—The secretary of the treasury has accepted the tenders of bonds. The total amount is \$1,840,000, made up as follows: Registered 4's, \$500,000 at 126; \$90,000 125's; \$50,000 at 125; registered 4 1/2's, \$200,000 at 107 1/2; \$400,000 at 107 1/2.

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